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Applicants: Monte Zweben et al.  
Assignee: PeopleSoft, Inc.  
Title: Iterative Repair Optimization with Particular  
Application to Scheduling for Integrated Capacity  
and Inventory Planning  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Please enter the following response to the Office Action  
dated August 4, 1999 in the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 13, line 28, after "equipment", insert --used--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for scheduling a complex  
activity that is governed by a set of pre-defined constraints  
including consumable resource constraints, wherein an  
unacceptable schedule exists for the activity, the method  
comprising the steps of: